



Office of Acquisition and Real Property Services
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Notice of Public Hearing

Proposed Acquisition of Access to Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed acquisition of 27.8 acres of land in northeastern Shasta County. **The hearing will be held at Wild Bill's Restaurant on Main Street (Highway 299 E.) in McArthur on Wednesday, August 7, 2002, beginning at 7:00 p.m.** There is off-street parking at the hearing location. The hearing room and parking lot are accessible to people with disabilities.

PURPOSE OF THE HEARING is to record comments from local public officials and the general public about the proposal. DPR will then submit a summary of the comments to the State Legislature no later than 30 days prior to acquisition approval. The hearing is required by state law (Public Resources Code, Sec. 5006.1). Comments at the hearing will be directed toward acquisition issues.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: The land covered by this proposal is located at the north end of Fall River Valley and connects to the west side of Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park. Acquisition of the property will allow administrative and potential public access by land to Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park. This has been a goal of DPR since the state first acquired the Horr Ranch in 1975. The landscape is gently sloped, rocky land with sparse mixed hardwood-conifer forest with some wetland and grassland. Lava Creek Lodge, a general partnership, owns the property. Once acquired by DPR, the property would become part of Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park.

COMMENTS: DPR staff will give a background presentation before opening the hearing for comments. DPR will also accept written comments for the record if received by August 14, 2002. Please submit written comments at the hearing or send them to Warren Westrup, Chief, Office of Acquisition and Real Property Services, California Department of Parks and Recreation, 1 Capitol Mall, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814. E-mailed comments should be sent to Roger Willmarth at rwillm@parks.ca.gov.

For information about the proposal, please call Roger Willmarth at (916) 445-9099, or check the DPR website at www.parks.ca.gov under News and Announcements/News Releases, July 2002.

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